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Essayli for Assembly Campaign Secures Additional Voter Integrity Measures in Riverside County

CORONA – The Bill Essayli for Assembly campaign has asked the Riverside County Registrar of Voters to take steps to more closely follow California law in ensuring appropriate voter integrity measures were being followed. Yesterday, the Registrar agreed to take a number of requested actions, primarily concerning the review of vote-by-mail ballot signature verifications.

“Riverside County voters need to have the utmost confidence in our election process,” said Essayli. “Our request for corrective actions was based on observations that temporary workers were processing vote-by-mail ballots without adequately verifying signatures. The Registrar was also denying any campaign the ability to meaningfully observe this process and to request a secondary review of signatures that do not appear to match the signature on a voter’s registration card.”

“Thankfully, the Registrar agreed to our request and all campaigns now have an enhanced ability to observe the signature verification process and make requests for a secondary signature verification. The secondary review of a signature will be completed by a permanent employee of the Registrar. This change is critical as verifying the signature of a voter is essentially the only tool the Registrar has to prevent fraudulent vote-by-mail ballots from being counted.”

“My campaign is prepared to take any and all actions necessary to protect the rights of lawfully registered voters in the 60th Assembly District. I commend the Registrar for reconsidering her initial position and agreeing to improve the integrity of our election process.”

As a resident of Riverside County for over 30 years, Bill Essayli has spent his career fighting on behalf of the People of California in the courtroom. Bill stepped down as an Assistant United States Attorney earlier this year to run for California's 60th Assembly District. Bill served in the U.S. Attorney's Riverside Branch Office where he prosecuted all criminal violations of federal law for Riverside and San Bernardino County. Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, Bill was a Deputy District Attorney in Riverside County. Before serving as a Deputy District Attorney, Bill was in private practice for two years with a focus on employment law.

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